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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: MISSION TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

REF: (A) JIDDA 5659

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE INITIATIVE SHOWN BY FSO  
EBLAN IN VOLUNTEERING FOR MISSION. AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED  
FROM A SEPARATE CABLE ON THE SUBJECT, HOWEVER, WE HAD  
ALREADY SELECTED OFFICERS NOW STATIONED IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE HAVE GIVEN A GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THE SECURITY  
ASPECTS OF THE MISSION AND WE ARE APPROACHING MISSION WITH  
GREAT CARE TO MINIMIZE THOSE RISKS TO GREATEST EXTENT  
POSSIBLE. WHILE PRECAUTIONS, PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL  
OF HOUGHTON AND MACK, ARE MOST IMPORTANT, WE DO NOT  
CONCEIVE OF THEIR MISSION AS BEING IN ANY SENSE CLANDESTINE  
AND MUST EXPECT THEIR PRESENCE TO BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE  
SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL. IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THEY COULD  
SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKE THE KIND OF BROAD CONTACTS WITH THE  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WE ARE SEEKING ON ANY OTHER BASIS.

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